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Red Hawks vanquish Classic opponents

Howe clinches title with pair of overtime winners in tournament

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A solid defence proved to pull the red and white of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

to an unprecedented win in the history of the Kawartha League.

The Red Hawks boys' varsity hockey team captured the Maxwell Mustangs Christmas Classic tournament in dramatic fashion when player Jordan Howe scored the final game-winner (from a pass by Brett Yake) in overtime against the Brother Andre of Markham.

It was the only goal scored in the 1-0 win and was representative of the team's performance, which resulted in stellar statistics of four goals scored and 29 goals in six games.

"It is a huge accomplishment for this group

that was unexpected which makes it especially rewarding. The team had seen little competition before the tournament so the level of play that we would have to reach was new territory. Our veterans stepped up and the new guys to the team played their hearts out with a solid team approach," Coach Ron Yake said.

Their championship opponent, Brother Andre, is the defending AAA Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship titleholder.

Yake said the win is great for his young team, see HAWKS page 17

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Minden home destroyed in fire

This Prince Street home burned in the early morning hours of Dec. 12. The fire department got the call at 1:20 a.m. The home, located beside the Minden Hills fire hall, was destroyed. Fire chief Doug Schell said a cause has not yet been determined, but the fire is not being considered suspicious. He said the blaze started at the front of the house. There were no injuries.

Chad Ingram
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Frost Centre still waiting for proposals

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The fate of the Frost Centre remains unclear.

It's been a year and half since the government shut down the Frost Centre Institute, the fledgling environmental college and boarding school that was operated on the site for nearly three years.

MPP Laurie Scott said she's heard no plans from the government about what might happen to the centre and reinforced that the province is always looking for proposals for its use.

"At the moment I don't see anything... but there are lots of people with creative ideas out there," Scott said. "Certainly we would love to work with them and try and leverage that opportunity."

Utilizing the centre would not only require a creative idea, but a considerable amount of cash as well.

Using the site means signing a lease with the govern-

ment, "which is always a little difficult," Scott said. "I think there's a struggle with the capital and the building. The upgrades of the building are a real challenge."

The centre would require numerous upgrades in order to comply with incoming accessibility legislation.

Scott said she couldn't see the government itself using the facility for its own purposes again any time soon.

"All the ministries have been getting cut back, except for health care and education," she said.

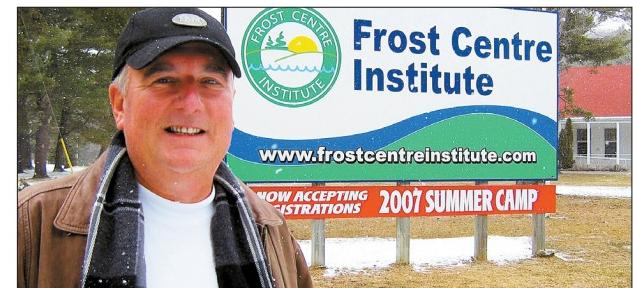
The government originally shut down the Frost Centre, which served as a Ministry of Natural Resources facility for many years, in 2004 to much public uproar.

Scott was MPP at the time.

"We fought very hard to get them to the table to create a process so this RFP opportunity was there for people," she said, explaining that campaign had been run by a volunteer committee of community stakeholders.

It was in 2007 that the proposal for the school by former IBM businessman Al Aubry was approved.

"Al put his heart and soul and lots of money into," Scott said. "I wanted to see it succeed."



The Frost Centre has sat vacant for a year and half, since the government shut down the Frost Centre Institute, an environmental school started by Al Aubry. /File photo

The school was eventually shut down for its inability to pay its rent.

At the time, Aubry noted that the heating bills alone for the winter totaled some \$250,000.

The Frost Centre was named for former MPP and premier Leslie Frost.

\$20,000 raised for food banks in Moose radiothon

Jenn Watt
Editor

For the second year in a row, the community gave big to the food banks during Moose FM's 24-hour radiothon.

On Dec. 8 and 9, more than \$20,000 was donated to support the county's food banks, which include the 4Cs in Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank.

The generosity was overwhelming for Minden Food Bank board chairperson Barbara Walford-Davis.

"We're as happy as all get-out," she said following the announcement that donations had hit \$20,574 on Friday at 6 p.m.

"We'll be able to keep the doors open," she said.

4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff thanked the community for their donations and said the money would cover almost all of the food bank's Christmas expenses.

She was pleasantly surprised to hear the radiothon again surpassed the \$20,000 mark.

"I didn't expect it to go anywhere near that," MacDuff said.

Moose FM host Rick Lowes was equally impressed with the amount given during such a short time span.

He and other staff at the Moose worked two 12-hour shifts over two days to bring in the money.

While the radiothon is in its sixth year, this is only the second time the \$20,000 mark has been reached.

In its fourth year, about \$10,000 was brought in.

Lowes thinks the additional giving may be because the community is increasingly aware of the need.

"We've been doing an awful lot of stories on Moose Magazine with folks involved with so many food programs like Food for Kids and the food banks. Maybe it's just listener knowledge. Maybe they just know how desperate the situation is," he said.

Programming during the two days included interviews with food bank representatives as well as stories from those who use the service, which brought the message home.

"One guy came in and gave me his life story and it wasn't pretty. He didn't hold back at all. He said the reason he got through his childhood, basically, was because of food banks and community services that helped him and his family," Lowes said.

The money will be given to the county's food banks and divided by them based on usage and need.

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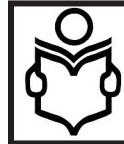
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Brim Stone on a roll at derby world cup

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Kayla Wilkins made it through the first-ever Roller Derby World Cup with no injuries.

Oh, yeah, and a silver medal.

Wilkins, or Brim Stone, in roller-derby speak, was in Toronto the first weekend of December playing as part of Team Canada in an augural international competition that saw 13 countries bout it out.

The hip-whipping and grand-slammaing took place at The Bunker, home of Toronto Roller Derby.

"The event was incredible," Wilkins told the *Times*. "It was amazing to just be in the venue and feel the excitement."

The 1,500-seat stadium was sold out for the weekend.

"The fans were really into all the games," Wilkins said. "It was the largest and loudest [crowd] I have played in front of."

Despite all the attention, the petite wheeled warrior said she wasn't nervous.

"When I'm on track, I'm just thinking about the game."

Apparently Wilkins's teammates were pretty focused on the task at hand as well, as Canada heartily smashed its competition.

In its first five games, Team Canada beat France 244-17; Sweden 196-26; Brazil 408-7; Finland 499-31; and England 161-90.

In the gold medal match, however, it was Canada's turn to take a whooping, losing to the U.S. 336-33.

This came as a shock to no one, since America is where the sport was born and until recent years, was the only country where it was played.

"They're paving the way in the sport," Wilkins said. "The point spreads were much larger than most roller derby bouts, but I'm sure in future years the games will get tighter and tighter. Every team will be taking back a huge wealth of derby knowledge from being able to participate in an event like this."

Wilkins, a county resident who is the founder and coach of the Highland Roller Girls, had a personal cheerleading squad for the tournament as a bunch of her brood headed to city to watch their fearless leader in action.

"It was great to have hometown support," Wilkins said. "It got me really pumped up and ready to play."

Team Canada and its fans were playing up Canadiana, with team members skating out to the sounds of the old *Hockey Night in Canada* theme song and the title music from *Kids in the Hall*.

"Our fans were in on the fun and a lot of them came dressed in the classic 'Canadian tuxedo' – denim jeans, plaid shirts, denim vests and toques," Wilkins said.

She believes that *Blood and Thunder*, the roller derby magazine that sponsored the event, may host another world cup in two years' time.

"Plenty of time for Canada to become a stronger team and match the U.S.A.!"



Sean Murphy Special to the Times

County resident Kayla Wilkins, also known as Brim Stone, competed in the first-ever Roller Derby World Cup in Toronto earlier this month. Wilkins is the founder and coach of the Highland Roller Girls.

Fire department cash calendar a hot Christmas gift idea

Riley Maracle
Co-op student

Can't figure out what to get someone on your Christmas list? Trying to find something that they will like, use and could end up paying off?

Then the Minden Hills Fire Department annual Firefighters Cash Calendars might be the perfect gift.

The cash calendars are now available and can be purchased at the township office in Minden or by talking to a firefighter.

The cost is \$20 and all sales will be going to the fire departments special equipment fund.

Not only are you getting a great calendar you can win some money as well.

Each Monday morning two people who have purchased a calendar will have their names drawn and will each receive a cheque for \$50.

On special days and holidays such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Easter and Canada Day the Minden Hills Fire Department will do a draw for one person to win \$150.

On Christmas they will do the same thing but the prize will be \$300.

Fire chief Doug Schell encourages everyone to go out and buy a calendar and also added that he feels it would "make a good Christmas gift."

Bridges to be renamed in memory of fallen officers

Three local bridges have been earmarked to be memorials to three fallen OPP officers, who were killed in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Haliburton County.

As a gesture of respect, bridge dedications are intended to posthumously recognize police officers who have courageously and unselfishly given their lives in the line of duty to preserve our free and peaceful society.

In accordance with the Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act, 2002, this policy allows for the dedication of bridges and other structures on provincial highways in memory of police officers that have died in the line of duty.

Detective Sergeant Lorne Chaptis and Corporal James Smith were killed when responding to assist Minden detachment officers with a mentally ill man, on South Lake Road on Dec. 11, 1968. The bridges honouring these two officers are located on Highway 35, at Moore Falls.

Provincial Constable Eric Nystedt was killed when he and his partner responded to the report of a domestic dispute outside of Kinmount on July 3, 1993. The bridge honouring Provincial Constable Nystedt is located on Highway 35, just north of the village of Minden.

The dedication ceremonies will take place in the spring of 2012. Motorists may notice the recently installed signs which will remain covered until after the ceremony.



Christmas crooning

Above, members of Northern Jam perform for residents of Highland Crest on Dec. 9.

Far left, Julie Chalmers strums and sings.

Left, Ron Sedley sings a rendition of "Jingle Bells." /Photos by Chad Ingram



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Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items from a Dec. 8 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Councillors voted to award the renovations of the municipal office and public washrooms to Jason Reay Construction.

The total estimated cost for the projects is \$59,000.

Minden Hills was approved for nearly \$34,000 in funding for the project by the federal government and the remainder will come from accessibility reserves and is to be included in the 2012 budget.

The township must make the renovations to comply with accessibility legislation and the jobs are to be completed by the end of March.

Reay was the only company to express interest in the job.

New recycling option to be offered

Minden Hills will be taking advantage of a recycling service offered by Pnewko Brothers Ltd.

The company will leave a large container at the landfill for the recycling of plastic oil containers and antifreeze jugs.

"They also pick up the bags free of charge monthly or more frequently depending on the volume of containers we collect free of charge," environmental and property operations manager Chris Voth wrote in a report to council.

Seeing is believing

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation got \$10,000 closer to new X-ray machines for the Minden and Haliburton hospitals thanks to a generous donation from Hyland Crest resident Bernice McCann. McCann told the paper she needed to do something with her money. "Let someone else get the benefit of it," she said. Pictured are HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush, left, HHHS executive director Dale Walker, McCann, HHHS member Don Popple and foundation board chairman Peter Oyler. /Chad Ingram



The service, which Voth pointed out is used by other townships within the county as well as larger municipalities in the province, will cost the township absolutely nothing.

Pnewko Brothers is reimbursed by Stewardship Ontario for the service.

The plastics are recycled into new products such as fence posts at a company plant in Vaughan.

Landfill services put out to tender

The township will be putting out a request for proposals for landfill consulting services.

Minden Hills has been using Cambium Environmental Landfill Services for a number of years and councillors and staff seem happy with the quality of the work.

"Cambium has provided exemplary service to the township and has created a terrific working relationship with staff," environmental and property operations manager Chris Voth wrote in a report to council. "Cambium also has an excellent working knowledge of the township sites."

The company has been responsible for overseeing the the township's two landfills, its two decommissioned landfills and three transfer stations.

While the township's procurement policy does allow it to re-enter into contracts with companies it is satisfied with, it turns out there was never any long-term contract with Cambium, and that services were being renewed on a year-to-year basis.

The request of proposals is for a three-year contract.



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our editorial

I propose a toast

TWO NEW MINDEN businesses have opened their doors in the past few weeks.

That's cause for celebration.

One could argue 2011 has been a rough year for Minden.

A number of businesses - The DAM Music Shop, Crowne Gallery, Sunny Variety, Dixie Lee Chicken, Campbell's Flowers, Highland Copy Centre - called it quits this year.

Some closed within a few weeks of each other, creating some dire projections about the village's future economic strength.

Now, after the darkness, a bit of light.

An Italian diner and a florist, open and awaiting customers.

Hopefully Mindenites and other county residents will take the time to check out these new shops and see what they have to offer.

Their openings coincide with a lot of activity along the Highway 35 corridor, as Canadian Tire and Dairy Queen prepare for local births in 2012.

Local commerce and just what designates which area of town as the community's main commercial drag have become popular topics recently.

Columnist Neil Campbell weighed in on the issue in last week's edition and Reeve Barb Reid has a response to some of his comments in a letter this

week.

The regular suspects in the peanut gallery of the *Times* website comments forum have also been all aflutter on the subject.

While some of us may consider big-box development less of a boon than others, it's undeniable that things are happening in Minden right now.

After a period of what seemed to be negative growth, economy, or at least optimism, is in the air.

Winter is a tough time for any business in Haldimand County, something I was reminded of on Sunday night.

I was dining at a local eatery (not one in Minden Hills . . . I know, I'm a traitor). There was the party of four that constituted my table and a family that constituted another.

That was it, for the more than two hours I was there.

My point is it takes a certain amount of courage and inspiration to open a business in this community, but resilient entrepreneurs continue to do it.

Minden is lucky enough that two such individuals have chosen to do so in the past few weeks.

I think that's something we can all agree is a good thing.

Cheers.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Kwarky



Kim Wank

Sunk by low sales, she now sells seashells by the tea store.

letters to the editor

Reeve responds to Campbell

To the Editor,

I have great respect for Neil Campbell and his journalism career. We have followed similar paths - we've both moved from Toronto and have made lives for ourselves here in Haldimand County.

A few months ago in an article of Neil's called "And I'm the King of Peru," we heard about me supposedly calling the previous council "do nothings." These were Neil's words - not mine. Neil seems to forget that I was a member of the previous council and supported projects that the community values such as Riverwalk (which is the longest fully-accessible trail in the county and, as such, has tremendous marketing potential), the new library (which serves many more than the previous library and adds so much to our "Culture Corner"), the new water tower (which gives us the ability to expand residential and commercial development in the village), the Lutterworth Pines water system (which was mandated by the province) and the snowmobile bridge (which is part of a bigger effort to revitalize snowmobiling in the Minden area and

bring snowmobilers to our downtown). It was hardly a "do nothing" council. More than \$6 million in public-sector grants were secured by our staff and we have a lot to show for it. This was a great achievement but it all came from public sector initiatives such as the federal stimulus program. Times have changed and given the deficits of our federal and provincial governments, we may not see programs like these offered to municipalities like Minden Hills in the next few years.

The redevelopment of the Walker's Auto site has been discussed at county council for several months now but only recently in open session so I can understand why some people think it's a new topic. It isn't and it's hardly an "instant demolition" conversation. The county would prefer to demolish the building when we have secured funding to redevelop the site and I understand that position. However, it may take years before the funding is available to do that redevelopment.

First impressions count. When people drive into Minden on Highway 35, they judge

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points of view

We've come a long way, baby

JUST THE OTHER DAY I was reading an old hard cover called *The Modern Rifle*, written in 1975 by one of my favourite gun writers, Jim Carmichel.

And while the information within was very good, some of the thoughts that Jim divulged were definitely from the old school. For instance, in one of the more memorable passages, he writes "a gun like this puts me in mind of a man who, after marrying a cross-eyed woman, learns to forgive her faults because she cooks good meals and keeps him warm in bed at night."

I submit this simple sentence to you as an example of just how far my species (the human male) has come.

For one thing, these days most men know enough to keep folksy thoughts like this to ourselves.

Unfortunately, I don't happen to be one of them. So I immediately phoned my best buddy Tom, who also works from home and I read him the sentence.

"Ah, those were the days when men were men," he proclaimed. "You know, I almost think we've lost something along the way."

I am not sure why that comment bothered me—but it did. So much so that I almost stopped stirring the garlic and basil spaghetti meat sauce I was cooking.

"That's nonsense. We're just as manly as we ever were," I said. Then, as if to prove it, I deftly tossed a garden salad and aggressively checked the spinach fettuccine.

"Well, I'd like to talk about it more," he said gruffly, "but Linda will be home soon and, if she has to wait for this quiche, there will be hell to pay."

"Tell me about it," I muttered.

And just like that, it occurred to me that maybe something had changed. Maybe, just maybe, my buddy was right.

I mean it used to be that women did all the house work, stayed at home, felt underappreciated and not taken seriously. Thankfully, that's no longer the case.

Now due to enlightened thinking, we live in a world where men are free to do the very same thing. Talk about



Steve Galea

Beyond 35

progress.

I didn't give this issue much more thought, until later that night when we turned in for bed. That's when Jenn thanked me for a fine dinner and for, once again, doing the dishes. Then she commented that the sheets were kind of cold and, quick as a flash, she snuggled up to my side and proceeded to rob me of my warmth.

A moment later, I put down my book and then asked the question that had been nagging me all day.

"Do you appreciate me?" I asked.

"Of course I do; you cook for me every day and keep me warm in bed each night," she giggled.

Tomorrow, I'm setting up an eye appointment.

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Food, and other worthy causes

THIS IS MY eighth annual column on Haliburton charities worthy of your Christmas giving and, to tell you the truth, I feel as though I am in a bit of a rut.

Culture, browishly high or middle, the environment, health care, even wells in India or AIDS in Africa, are so much sexier than the desperation of Haliburton poverty.

Culture and such are all well and good, but if Haliburton families cannot live by food alone, it's pretty tough getting along without it, which is why the Minden Food Bank always winds up at the top of my list.

And just to shatter a right-wing stereotype, the food bank's Barb Walford-Davis (489-1715) says that a good number of those asking for help are working poor, whose minimum wages won't stretch from payday to payday. Non-perishable food items still are welcome, but cash gets a tax receipt and give the Food Bank flexibility. Either way, a household gets only enough food for about four days a month. The food bank also supports Meals on Wheels and Food for Kids, which provides school breakfasts and healthy snacks. To support Food for Kids, call Jenna Burnett, 935-0114.

A spinoff from the Food Bank is Fuel for Warmth, which can provide enough fuel for two or three weeks. You can donate cash or truck-load of firewood, for which you get a tax receipt. 286-3561 or 489-3324.

Long-term, Places for People, aims to add to the stock of affordable housing in the county. It made homes for two families in Haliburton village's old Orange Lodge and now it's working on acquiring a second property. Fay Martin, 286-3668.

No room for cleverness, now that we've finally got to the culture department. Start with Friends of the Library, which helps the Haliburton County Public Library by, for example, supporting children's programming and supplying large-print books. Heather Thom, 447-2402.

Arts Alive Minden supports the arts on our

side of the county through community grants to groups, with a focus on young people. Georgina Parkes, 286-2692.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden needs help with running children's workshops and restoring newly-acquired paintings for its Andre Lapine collection. Laurie Carmount, 286-3763.

R.D. Lawrence Place could use support for its literary programs and for the purchase of equipment for a new educational audio tour. Shery Loucks, 286-2298.

The 10th anniversary of Heritage Day is coming up for the Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum, which also is gathering information on the township's disappeared post offices. Betty Moffatt, 489-3021.

Theatre and opera keep the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion hopping all summer long. Besides buying tickets, you can become a member of the Highlands Summer Festival or donate to the Highlands Opera Studio. 457-9933.

If Haliburton is a Natural Work of Art, the curators are Environment Haliburton and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, which works with the community to find solutions to the challenges faced by our natural environment and preserve the county's pristine lakes and unspoiled forests for future generations. 454-8107.

Environment Haliburton protects and restores the Highlands through advocacy, education and action. Eric Lilius, 754-9873.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association works at improving wetlands and restocking native and rainbow trout here and in Muskoka. Stacy Kirkbride, 457-9664.

The Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival was free for the 934 children from 16 schools who were introduced to

the joys of the outdoors in 2011. Irene Heaven, 286-3181.

Support for the Water Festival came from Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL), which works at providing environmental learning opportunities. Norm Thomas, 286-3323.

Friends of the Rail Trail connects the community and the Rail Trail through history, nature and accessible green space. Pamela Marsales, 457-4767.

The Standard Chemical Plant at Donald, remembered as a producer of wood acetate from the county's forests during the Second World War, was a remarkable building. Now the Central Highlands Green Step Project aims to restore the derelict building to its former glory. Leora Berman, 457-4838.

Various health-care and social services agencies need your help. For example, the Alzheimer Society provides support for individuals in Haliburton diagnosed with dementia, and for their caregivers. 878-0126.

Community Care Haliburton County offers services to seniors and adults with disabilities and/or illnesses and their caregivers to enable them to remain independent at home for a longer time. Hilary Elia, 457-2941.

The John Howard Society's Outreach Literacy program provides essential literacy skills training, including reading and numeracy, for adults 19 and over. 286-3111.

Contributions to the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation support doctors at the Kinmount Medical Centre and improve health care in the community. Dave Warren, 454-8220.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is raising \$300,000 for new X-ray machines for the Haliburton and Minden hos-

pitals. Dale Walker, 286-1580.

Women suffering from abuse in their homes and lives can receive free counselling services or find a safe haven at the YWCA Women's Centre in Minden. Daisy Downs, 286-1942.

SIRCH Community Services provides programs to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable pregnant women, children and their families; food security programs; school readiness programs; volunteer dental outreach and hospice services. 457-1742.

Point in Time for Children, Youth and Parents buys Christmas gifts for children and families, sends children to camp and runs an after-school recreation program in Minden. Lisa Hamilton, 286-2191.

Local volunteers work to make life better overseas. Help A Village Effort (HAVE), which started here and now has chapters across Canada, is in the midst of drilling 190 wells in rural India with federal funding and private donations. Diane Dawson, 286-3202.

Haliburton Highlands Grannies, with 60 members across the county, supports the Stephen Lewis Foundation by helping African grandmothers raise AIDS orphans. Peggy Casils, 286-3226.

Back home, there's work on community development in Kinmount and Dorset. The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development hopes to remediate 140 feet of shoreline near the picnic area in the park and build a bandshell there. Diane Austin, 488-2635.

Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation works with community groups to raise funds for important projects that highlight Dorset's heritage, culture and economic development, including such projects as a new playground and restoration of the village dock in 2011. Jan McDonald, 766-2170.

Neil Campbell's book, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

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letters

Let's promote our community

from page 6

the community's relative prosperity by what they see. If we want prospective investors and developers to be interested in Minden, we need to create a good first impression. If we remove unsightly buildings and repair/paint buildings then that helps market our community.

Yes, the Walker's Auto property looks much like it always has but perhaps that's negatively impacting private-sector investment interest in Minden.

The warden identified Spring 2012 as a reasonable demolition timeframe and Minden Hills agreed to that. Somehow that message has not been communicated in the *Minden Times* office, yet your reporter was at that council meeting.

Yes, Neil, I told county council that I saw Highway 35 as an important commercial area for Minden and that we need to make that corridor more appealing.

I'm not sure how you concluded that I think the downtown is somehow unimportant. Minden Hills council has been working very hard to put into place the tools that will help us revitalize our downtown.

The property standards bylaw was passed in June. It's a complaint-driven process - we don't go out looking for violations. If someone wants to make a complaint, the complaint gets acted on but the complainant is assured confidentiality.

Thanks to the cooperation of one of our community members, a group of derelict cabins were demolished and this has greatly improved the appearance on one of our most scenic streets. The economic development committee and the roads department are working on a plan to enhance our downtown traffic flow, sidewalks and accessibility. We are on the verge of announcing an exciting new snowmobile trail (including a parking area for snowmobiles on our main street - yes - Bobcaygeon Road) that should attract more visitors to downtown Minden. We are considering the building of a new public washroom in the downtown area that will make it more convenient for people to come and experience our Riverwalk trail, Minden Hills Cultural Centre and other downtown attractions. We hope interested community members will come to our next town hall meeting on Jan. 7 at the community centre to hear more details of these and other initiatives.

Finally, I disagree with your statement "many of the folks who voted her into office believe that the village is an expensive carbuncle on the township's back." I have a reasonably well-developed network into both the permanent and seasonal communities in Minden Hills. My impression is that all our residents value and cherish our village of Minden. It's part of what makes this area special.

Minden Hills council has a strong commitment to economic development and we hope the time and effort we're spending in this area will result in increased prosperity for our community. Let's support our employees, volunteers, business people and elected officials who are diligently working to bring new businesses, more tourism, jobs, success and well-being to this area and to those who are suffering economically. Rather than perpetuating the we/they divisive culture in this community, let's all work together towards the cleaning up of our surroundings to attract interested spenders and investors and promote our community and the effort being made by many people to make this happen.

Barbara Reid
Reeve Township of Minden Hills

www.mindentimes.ca

Firefighters share some Christmas spirit

Photos by Cassie Thorn



Children's performer Jake Differ provided the music for the event.



Mason Latanville wonders who's behind that beard during the annual children's Christmas party at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre on Dec. 10.



Musical chairs was one of many games for children to enjoy.

Several dental programs available for children in Haliburton

Free dental care is one gift that local residents will not find at a shopping mall or big-box retailer this holiday season. Instead, free dental for children 17 years and under may be available through the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health Unit. To find out if a child or teenager qualifies for coverage, families are encouraged to call the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 247. Local residents can also find out more by visiting www.hkpr.on.ca.

"No dental insurance? No way to pay for your child's dental care? No problem because free dental care may be just a phone call away," says Anna Rusak, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

The health unit administers a number of financial support programs that may be able to cover dental care costs for some children and teenagers in Haliburton County. These programs include: Healthy Smiles Ontario, which covers checkups, cleanings, fillings, scaling, X-rays and other preventive dental services; and Children in Need of Treatment that provides financial assistance to children and youth in need of urgent dental treatment. Ontario Works also covers the cost of basic dental treatment for families who rely on social assistance.

Dental care is not covered under OHIP, and many people do not have private insurance coverage or cannot pay out-of-pocket to cover the costs, says Rusak. "That

means some families may skip regular dental visits. Seeing a dental professional, as well as regular brushing and flossing, are important parts of maintaining good oral health," she adds. A recent report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives finds one in six people needing dental treatment avoids going to the dentist because of cost.

According to Rusak, oral health can affect the overall health of a person. In the case of children and teens, untreated oral diseases such as tooth decay and gum disease can negatively affect eating, sleeping and learning at school, and may ultimately have an impact on healthy growth and development, she says.



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WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

WHERE: MINDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Topic: Minden Hills Economic Development Plan, OPP Update

For further information contact:

Laura Cunliffe, Interim Clerk

lcunliffe@mindenhillsc.ca

(705) 286-1260 ext. 215

NOTICE Finance Advisory Committee meeting January 30th, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. second floor boardroom Township of Minden Hills

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 18th to January 2nd	Cultural Centre - closed
December 19th, 20th & 21st	Christmas Food Basket Program at Community Centre
December 23rd	Administration Office open all day
December 26th to January 1st	Administration Offices - closed
January 2nd	Administration Offices Open
January 3rd	Cultural Centre Open
January 7th	Town Hall meeting at Community Center
January 12th	COTW Meeting (10:00 public session)
January 26th	Council Meeting (10:00 public session)
January 30	10:00 am Finance Advisory Committee meeting



AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY EXHIBIT

Come join us for the Closing Reception for the Members' Show!

If you haven't already come by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery to view the work submitted by our very talented members now is the time to do so!! The 30th annual Members' show will be running through to December 17th. Be sure to fill out a ballot for your favourite art piece in our **People's Choice Award**. Join us for the **closing reception on Saturday, December 17 at 3 p.m.** The People's Choice winner will be announced, and all in attendance can enjoy some Holiday Cheer. It's a fun time to enjoy your Gallery and maybe do some Christmas shopping in our gift shop.

R.D. LAWRENCE PLACE

R.D. Lawrence Place would like to thank all of the great writers who wrote so creatively for the 2011 Back Words short story contest. We also thank the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times who sponsored the contest. The winners were:

Children

First Place: Emma Cox • Honourable Mention: Victoria Edwards

Youth

First Place: Jessica Miscio • Honourable Mention: Vanessa Kennedy

Adult

First Place: Meg Hoffman • Honourable Mention: Lucy Bacon • Honourable Mention: Margaret Clayton

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be closed for the Holidays December 18th – January 3rd. Check our website at www.mindenculturalcentre.com for upcoming exhibitions and events.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food Bank donations at the annual Township Christmas Dance. We were able to raise and donate a substantial amount of money.

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (BY-LAW – 11-90) HINDLE/KENNEDY RZ-11-09(P)

(Part of Lot 14, Concession 8, geographic Township of Minden)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 11-90 on the 8th day of December, 2011 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 3rd day of January, 2012, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 14th day of December, 2011.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

a.the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and

b.the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

EXPLANATORY NOTE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS BY-LAW NO. 11-90

Being a By-law under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to amend the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, with respect to a parcel of land at Part of Lot 14, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Minden .

By-law No. 11-90 amends Schedule "7" of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to the Shoreline Residential Exception 45 (SR-45) Zone and the Shoreline Residential Exception 46 (SR-46) Zone as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law.

This By-law will be in conformance with the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills.

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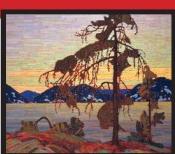
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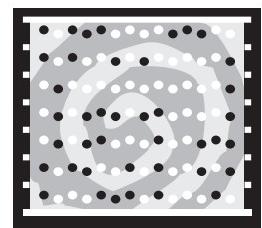
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Chad Ingram Staff

Lorraine Turcotte, left, and Debbie Johnston stand in the Minden Florist shop, recently opened by Johnston. The store's grand opening celebration is this Saturday.

Business blooms in Minden

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

A new business is blooming in Minden.

Minden Florist is now open.

For owner Debbie Johnston, her new shop is the realization of a longtime dream.

"I always wanted to [open a flower shop]," Johnston says.

Her new business seems to be a logical step for Johnston, a longtime green thumb.

She's been a horticulture technician in the landscaping industry and recently worked in the greenhouses at the local Home Hardware.

Minden Florist has a variety of flowers for all occasions, houseplants, giftware, balloons, and of course, offers delivery.

Johnston is happy to have Lorraine Turcotte, a longtime

florist with some 30 years of experience, on staff.

Born in the area, Johnston has been back in the county for 25 years and is aware that some people believe Minden's downtown is wilting.

"We want to keep our town alive," she says.

The shop, located at 53 Bobcaygeon Rd., is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week and is closed on Sunday.

There will be a grand opening this Saturday.

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4	David Dollo	477.25	74	Richard Rasmus	409
5	Marcia Bell	475.25	75	Rick Cazabon	407
6	Eric Schuster	473.25	76	Ed Dart	405
7	Denniella Rivard	471	77	Dave Ertel	405
8	Cody Martin	471	78	Nancy Luke	404.25
9	Ray Downs	465.25	79	Jacob Bishop	403.25
10	Eric Casper	464	80	Frank Darroch	403
11	Blake Wood	463	81	Barbara Cameron	403
12	Melissa White	462.25	82	Chase Heinemann	403
13	Dale Robinson	461	83	Maie Arike	402.5
14	Ron Sedley	460.25	84	Rick West	402
15	Scott LaRue	460	85	Andrew Carmont	401
16	Ferne Taylor	459	86	Emile Duchene	400
17	Dave Luke	458	87	Dave Taylor	400
18	Glenn Hall	457	88	Chris Hall	398.25
19	Ryan Hall	455	89	J.D. Thomas	398
20	Nancy Holden	454.25	90	Lyle Donaldson	397
21	Jane Alden	454.25	91	Jamie Pritchard	396.25
22	Lisa Barry	454	92	Cameron Bradley	395
23	Joan Bell	451	93	Erin Little	394
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28	Jeff Burk	447.25	98	Bill Kulas	390
29	Andrew Hall	447	99	Johnathan Prestwich	389.5
30	Geroge Holliday	446	100	Jeff Barry	388.25
31	Tom Marshall	442	101	Brian Moore	388
32	Dave Moss	439	102	Jordan Hamilton	385
33	Ed Copeland	439	103	Daniel Rivard	384.5
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66	Pat Barry	417.25	136	Bruce Fisher	337.5
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68	Robin Carmont	413	138	Tim Prestwich	332.25
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MH and HCDC to work together

Councillors question why few businesses use program

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation and Minden Hills's economic development committee will be working together to ensure Minden entrepreneurs are taking full advantage of funding opportunities.

HCDC executive director Andy Campbell visited Minden Hills councillors at their Dec. 8 meeting.

Reeve Barb Reid, who attended the HCDC annual general meeting in October, said she'd been wondering "about whether we should be reaching out to the business community in the new year and inviting them to come to a similar presentation to make sure that all our businesses know that these wonderful resources are available."

While businesses in the Minden Hills have been the recipient of 32 per cent of the more than \$50 million in loans the development corporation has given out in its quarter-century history, only 20 loans were given out in Minden Hills in the last year, compared to 62 in Dystart et al.

While there were 75 business loans application in Dystart, there were only 21 in Minden

Hills.

"That's what kind of made me wonder if maybe we have some businesses that have forgotten or maybe they're not aware this program is there," Reid said.

Councillor Larry Clarke, who heads up the township's economic development committee, said he'd like to cooperate with the development corporation in outreach.

"I think over the course of the winter months, I'd like a presence for your group somewhere, some kind of a forum that addresses both the businesses in Minden Hills and the types of opportunities that are available . . . and also something where we can encourage and identify young people wanting to become entrepreneurs," Clarke said.

"I'm very much interested and I appreciate it," Campbell responded.

Between July 2010 and June 2011, HCDC gave out more than \$800,000 in loans in Minden Hills, as well as \$46,000 in interest-free loans through the Eastern Ontario Development Program for facade improvement.

Along with its business loans, HCDC also provides grants for projects through its community development fund.

Since 2004, some \$215,000 has been provided in Minden Hills, for projects ranging from Riverwalk to playwright workshops.

Campbell informed councillors that the deadline for the next round of project applications is Feb. 28.

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Spink application causes stink with county

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

An application for the addition of a washroom on a Mountain Lake cottage is causing a bit of a stink with the county.

The application, requiring an official plan amendment, is to rezone the property owned by Ruth Spink and Peter Bonis from shoreline residential to shoreline residential exception zoning so that Spink can add a washroom to her cottage.

The one-acre property originally housed two cottages built by Spink's father in the mid-1930s.

"The one cottage my brother has made into a big house and I'm still in the little cottage, uninsulated, and there's no bathroom," Spink told Minden Hills councillors during a

public meeting regarding the application on Dec. 8.

Spink said she would install a bio-filter toilet, "which uses a whole lot less land than a regular septic system."

The cottage has an area of approximately 600 square feet and currently an outhouse prone to flooding in high-water conditions is used.

The application seems to be fine with neighbours, with the township receiving two correspondences expressing support for the application.

One of those was an email from former Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon, who identified herself as a friend of Spink and a member of the lake's property owners' association, which she said supports the application.

Anthon wrote that the outhouse "is highly undesirable to the health of Mountain Lake and a new septic system would correct this situation."

However, the county's planning department has an issue with the application.

A lengthy letter from county planning administrator Jane Tousaw raised concern that the application was in contradiction of the official plan for Minden Hills.

Quoting the plan, Tousaw wrote, "Any land use legally existing prior to this plan which does not conform to the permitted uses of this plan, should cease to exist in the long term. In extenuating circumstances, it may be desirable to permit the extension or enlargement of the non-conforming use, in order to prevent undue hardship."

Minden Hills's planning consultant, Heather Sadler, believed that an outhouse prone to flooding could constitute an extenuating circumstance and will be pursuing this avenue further.

Planning decisions made by Minden Hills council must ultimately be approved at the county level.

Help police fill a cruiser with food this season

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police will be once again seeking the assistance of the public to help the area food banks. The annual Fill a Cruiser campaign will be occurring in Haliburton and Minden over the next couple of weeks. During this campaign, officers will be attending the local grocery stores to accept donations of non-perishable food items in an attempt to fill an OPP cruiser with food. At the end of the campaign, all of the food will be

taken to the local food banks to help with their Christmas needs.

The Fill a Cruiser campaign will take place on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Haliburton. The cruiser will be parked at Park's Foodland in the morning and Todd's Independent in the afternoon.

The Fill a Cruiser campaign will take place on Monday, Dec. 19 in Minden. The cruiser will be parked at Dollo's Foodland in the morning and Easton's Valumart in the

afternoon.

The OPP thank the public for their ongoing support in this campaign, as well as the grocery store owners, managers and staff.

"The caring nature of this community is reflected in the support the OPP's Fill a Cruiser campaign," said acting detachment commander, Staff Sergeant Mike Reynolds. "It is vital to remember those people who need a little extra support this holiday season."

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December 24th
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December 25th
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December 24
ZION - 3:00pm Family Service
MINDEN - 7:00pm Family Service
MAPLE LAKE - 9:00pm Communion Service

OPP continue RIDE checks

Expect to see RIDE Programs throughout Haliburton County as the holiday season gets into full swing. Members of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police are busy conducting the Festive RIDE program in all areas of the county.

Since Dec. 1, officers have checked 826 vehicles in an attempt to get drinking drivers off the road. During this season's RIDE program, three Highway Traffic Act warnings have been issued and six all-terrain vehicles have been checked.

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) is a provincial initiative led by the police com-

munity that runs all year long and involves police spot checks where vehicles are stopped and drivers are checked for impairment.

The OPP is always on the lookout for motorists who, by their driving manner, could possibly be impaired. The OPP sets up RIDE programs at various times of the day and in various locations every day of the year, not just at Christmas time.

Impaired driving continues to be the leading cause of criminal death in Canada. As of mid-November, 2011, 40 people have died in alcohol-related collisions on OPP-patrolled

roads and highways compared to 75 this same time last year. While the number is down significantly this year, even one alcohol-related death is one too many and motorists need to be more proactive in eliminating these preventable fatalities altogether according to the OPP.

Year after year, the Festive RIDE campaign proves effective in taking impaired drivers off our roads. If you're drinking, come up with a plan that involves not driving such as taking a cab, a bus or have a designated driver.

Stubbornness pays off

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"When I started to receive a number of emails from friends and peers congratulating me, I began to realize it was kind of special."

"I now think of it as being similar to a 'long time achievement award'" where a person's body of work over an extended period of time is considered and am now a proud member of the Order," he said.

Rusk admits the military was initially a short-term option, but developed into a lifelong relationship that has made him who he is today.

"I think I was like many lads growing up in small towns, not necessarily knowing what was out there in the bigger world but certainly wanting to find out. With that in mind, I decided to join the Canadian Forces at the grand old age of 17," he said. "My original intent was to serve my initial three-year contract, finish my high school education, save \$10,000 and then go on to post-secondary schooling. While I did accomplish a couple of those goals, I found that I truly loved and identified with being a soldier and here I am in my 32nd year."

Rusk grew up in the town of Shelburne, Ont., which is located just north of Orangeville and has a population close to 10,000.

"In the military, as in life, I have

always believed that if you work hard, good things will usually follow. I have always told my sons [Joshua, 21, apprenticing as a mason and Zachary, 20, who is a reserve with the Canadian Forces] that we have no control over the abilities we are born with but we do control how hard we work with the ones we have," he said.

Also in attendance at the ceremony for Rusk was his wife Sharon, and father Ray Rusk of Monterrey, Mexico. The 32-year veteran of the Canadian Forces knows he didn't earn this Order alone.

"It really was quite special being able to have my mom and dad attend the ceremony with me. I have always felt their love and support throughout my life and know that they are proud of me," he said. "The Governor General and the Chief of Defence Staff made a significant point of thanking the families (moms, dads, spouses and children) of the recipients for their support over the years. The other people that need to be thanked are the leaders that recognized our performance and took the time and effort to prepare our nominations for the order. I have been very fortunate over the years to work for some very good people."



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- Inspect **alignment** (annually or every 25,000 km)
- **Rotate** tires every 10,000 km* to minimize wear, prolong tire life and reduce the risk of sudden tire failure
- Check the depth of your **tread** on each tire

Check tire pressure once a month**

- Make sure the car has not been driven for at least three hours before measuring pressure
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Step 1: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Step 2: Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 705-457-6901. Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton & Minden.

Remember: to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 16th. Early delivery to the workshop means the elves have enough time to prepare the baskets before Christmas.



Final send off for longtime community steward

No one believes it to be true yet but long-standing Haliburton Highlands Stewardship council member, Don Benson bids adieu to the council. After 12 generous years, Don, a retired elementary school principal, has decided to hang up the stewardship work gloves and "retire" for a second time.

Last Tuesday evening the stewardship council held their annual Christmas meeting and celebration at the Haliburton Forest Cookhouse Restaurant. With spouses in attendance it was a great opportunity to reflect on the year's successes and celebrate the great success of a man, whose contributions to community stewardship will be greatly missed.

Don Benson has been a waterfront resident on the shores of Mountain Lake in Minden Hills for longer than some of us have been alive; he even recalls travelling

from his home in the city up to Minden when Highway 35 was no more than a gravel gateway to nature's paradise.

Don's contributions to the stewardship of Haliburton County have been many; from being the driving force behind the development of the Lake Planning Tool, in partnership with FOCA and funded by Trillium, to contributing to the development of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association by initiating a meeting of all the lake stewards in the county.

His efforts have been many including working closely with the MNR on lake trout rehabilitation and have even landed him the recipient of the Haliburton Land Trust's 2009 Enviro Hero Award.

Don's tireless efforts are recognized in his incessant sharing of information that he reads and learns about. He says sim-

ply that he hopes others will pick up the torch and continue to the stewardship way ensuring we don't take from tomorrow to pay for today.

Don - you and your newspaper clippings will be greatly missed!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy second retirement from the Stewardship Council.

Submitted by the Stewardship Council



Don Benson and wife Ruth Benson holds an original print of an artist's rendition of a locally significant white pine, given to Don from the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and achievements.

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Hawks beat out 31 other high school teams

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The Classic is a two-day tournament from Dec. 8 to 9 and boasts 32 high school teams from within Ontario.

Haliburton won the tournament with shutdown defence and a strong performance by goalie Andrew Elia, who earned the shutout in the final.

"He had a great game making many key stops," Yake said.

Red Hawks' goalies Elia and Zach Harri-

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It should give them a level of confidence that anything is possible.

— Coach Ron Yake

son continue to share the duties, changing every game for the season, including this tournament.

The Red Hawks' best finish prior to this victory was making the qualifying round, but losing.

Haliburton has competed in this tournament for four years.

Howe, who scored the championship winner, also scored the overtime winner (assisted by Zach Boice) to advance the team to the final with a 3-2 victory during the three-on-three sudden death semi-final against St. Theresa of Belleville.

The team's next home game is at 7:15 against St. Peter's Secondary School at the Dysart Arena on Monday, Dec. 19.



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Back Words story contest winner

Children's First Place: Raccoon's Mission by Emma Cox

I am a Grade 8 student at Archie Stouffer E.S. I love to read all different types of stories and I especially love writing my own.

At the edge of a ditch, near a cow pasture at Willow Creek farm, there lived a wild raccoon. Raccoon was old. So old that he got tired very easily and searching for food was getting extremely hard for him.

Willow Creek Farm, where Raccoon

lived, was just outside of the small town named Sportsenburg. The farm was lovely. It had huge beautiful willow trees all the way around its perimeter, and large, intricately carved black gates before its drive. Many animals lived here, including cows, chickens and ducks. The Farmer loved his animals and he took care of them very well, but he did NOT like Raccoon. He thought Raccoon a sneak, a robber and just a bad thing in general. Raccoon was getting tired of being unwanted.

Seeing the farm animals in such good care was not helping, and Raccoon got jealous. He was tired, hungry, and did more work than all of the animals put together.

"I deserve the good care and food more than they!" he scoffed, "Other than Horse of course. She is my good friend!"

That day, Raccoon got so tired he didn't manage to find any food nor make it back to his hollow log before he fell down and slept.

The next day, when he woke, he went home to his log. Before Raccoon left his log again, he took a tiny sum of his meek supply of food and ate it in less than three bites. Then he went to find Horse at the farm. Horse was his best friend. Raccoon had a plan, but he needed some help and Horse was the smartest animal at the farm. The farmer often got her to pull the buggy or the wagon into town so she knew all about directions and that was exactly what Raccoon needed.

"Hello Horse!" said Raccoon politely, "How are you this fine day?"

"Good, thank you," said Horse, "What can I do for you?"

"Well," said Raccoon, "I did come for some help. You see, I am going on a mission."

"You are? Where to?" exclaimed the puzzled Horse, who knew that Raccoon was very old.

"I want to go to the Wildlife Sanctuary. I hear they have care for the old, weak and hungry animals like me. Do you think you could give me directions?" asked Raccoon pleadingly.

"The Wildlife Sanctuary?" exclaimed Horse, "What a great idea! It will take you a day or so to get there. You will need to leave early tomorrow morning. You must follow the road left, straight into town, then, turn right at the house with the big blue slide in the yard and continue down that road until you get to the building with a six pointed star on the door. That is the Sanctuary. Can you remember that?"

"You bet I can!" said Raccoon and then very gratefully he added, "Thank you so much, Horse!"

"Your welcome, and Good Luck!" shouted Horse as Raccoon left to get a good night sleep before departure the next morning.

When Raccoon returned to his log once more he scrounged together the last of his seeds and put three of his largest ones in his pack for the journey the next day. The rest he ate and managed to have a fairly decent meal compared to most other days lately. After eating he went to sleep. He had a very pleasant dream of food and beds that he imagined he would find at the Sanctuary when he arrived.

The next morning Raccoon roused himself at the crack of dawn, just as the sun was starting to rise. He collected his pack, put it on, and then started along his way. As he passed through the farm gates he sighed a big deep sigh.

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"I actually might miss it here. Goodbye Horse!" he said and then continued on once more.

Too keep a steady pace and to remember directions he made a little tune. He sang it as he walked. It went like this, "Down the road, round the corner, to the six point Star I go!" and Raccoon would sing this if he thought he needed to speed up.

Finally, Raccoon arrived at his destination after walking for nearly seven hours straight. He had stopped briefly only once. At the Wildlife Sanctuary he was taken in carefully and put with some other raccoons. He still lives there now, and he feels very lucky.

The End



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Last Call for Nominations: Deadline is December 16th, 2011

Children's Honourable Mention: **Allie and the Talking Raccoon Kips! by Victoria Edwards**

Victoria is 12 years old, enjoys writing fantasy type stories and attends J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. She loves to sing and write. She loves animals who take on important roles in her stories.

Hello I'm Allie Hollow. I'm 10. My parents just bought a

house with a farm. I'm getting ready to move in now.

I jumped out of my car and walked to the door. I opened it. There were some stairs. I started walking up them. I was finally on the top. I started to walk and then entered a bedroom. The bedroom was pink, it is mine then. When my parents were all done unpacking it was late. My mom cooked dinner. We had chili. After that we went to bed.

I snuggled up in my bed and closed my eyes. Twelve o'clock I heard something in my room. I opened my eyes and I saw a shadow move across the room. I quickly got out of my bed and went to my door. As soon as I touched the door handle I looked behind myself and there it was. A

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raccoon sitting at my legs. I panicked and tried to open my door. I was panicking so much that I couldn't open the door. All of a sudden the raccoon said "Hi, why are you scared? I won't hurt you".

"Who are you?" I asked.

"I'm just a normal raccoon that talks and loves to eat pickled eggs under people's dressers".

"So you won't hurt me?"

"NO!"

"I need your help on something very important!" the raccoon told me.

"What do you need?" I asked

"I used to live in a tree on your property but then one day the hole that I climb into to get to my parents was gone and I was stuck here forever! And I'm still stuck here. Mr. Bug is my best friend and he said I need a friend that is a human and I need someone like you! Can you help me?"

"What do you need help doing?" I asked.

"I need to visit two owls. One is called the purple owl with the cane, the second owl is called the yellow orange striped owl with a dancing mouse on his shoulder. I need to visit each one of them and get a pair of goldfish bones and two hairs from a dinosaur!" the talking raccoon said.

"I guess I can help you." I said.

"Thanks, what's your name?"

"My name is Allie Hollow. What's your name?"

"Kips."

"OK I guess we can start looking for the owls tomorrow!"

"No! The two owls are only going to be here tonight so we have to leave now!"

"I CAN'T LEAVE NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE ASLEEP AND WHAT DO I TELL MY PARENTS?"

"I don't know but do you want to help me?"

"I guess so!"

Allie and Kips were finally on their way out the door into the darkness. There was cloud covering up the moon. There was just a little light from some stars! There also was a grand star glowing part of the sky because of its brightness!

Allie and Kips found a tree by the barn that came with the farm. They saw a yellow orange striped owl with a dancing mouse on his shoulder.

They ran to the tree and asked "can we have a pair of goldfish bones?"

"Only if you sing me a song" the owl said.

Kips sang the a, b, c song fast then they were walking again.

The owl gave the pair of goldfish bones to Kips and Allie and then they set off to get to the next owl.

Allie and Kips were walking again in the darkness.

They finally saw the purple owl with the cane sitting on a skinny branch in an area that looked like a sanctuary place. Kips and Allie ran up to the owl and said "can we have two hairs from a dinosaur?"

The owl said "yes but only if you give me two hairs from your heads!"

Allie and Kips gave the owl two of their hairs each.

Allie and Kips ran back to the tree where Kips used to crawl in to! They were finally at the tree and Kips put the fish bones and dinosaur hair on it! The tree hole opened!

"You're my best friend" Kips said.

"And you're mine too!" Allie said!

Kips gave Allie a hug and then jumped into the hole!

The hole was magically gone along with Kips.

The sun was just waking up and Allie ran back to her house.

Kips and Allie never forgot about each other.

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The *Minden Times* will bring you more stories from the Back Words short story contest hosted by R.D. Lawrence Place over the next few weeks.

Women's hockey team remain undefeated

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Resolve.
This character trait jumped to the forefront when the Lady Hawks varsity girls' hockey team withstood a second period offensive onslaught by the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans to remain undefeated through two games on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The red and white jumped to an early 3-0 lead on goals by Lady Hawks' centre Sam Tallman, centre Megan Allore and defenceman Julia Fedeski, who scored the third goal 10 seconds after the second in the first period.

The commanding lead lasted until the final minutes of the second period, as the Spartans battled back, applying more pressure through the fore-check.

The Spartans were rewarded for their effort scoring three goals in less than three minutes apart to tie the game 3-3.

Haliburton rallied around their besieged goalie, Jillian Mayhew, who was noticeably disappointed with letting in the quick goals.

Lady Hawks winger Erin Little with 44 seconds left in the period responded when she

popped in the eventual game winner at the edge of the crease. She was Jenny-on-the-spot when she picked up a loose puck in the crease after teammate Sam Tallman, who finished with four points (one goal and three assists), was stopped on a partial breakaway.

With less than two seconds left in the period, Fedeski got off a shot from the slot to score her second of four goals in the game.

By the third period with the momentum clearly back in the Haliburton end, Fedeski put the nail in the proverbial coffin when she skated into the Spartans' end, skated over the blue line and launching a torpedo of a slapshot to beat the Lindsay goalie, River Watson. Haliburton now led 6-3 and extinguished any fire left from the second period Spartans' surge.

Haliburton added another off of a wrist shot from Fedeski.

Fedeski did her best impression of Bobby Orr, finishing with five points (four goals and one assist). She has 11 points (eight goals and three assists) in two games. Tallman rebounded from a relatively quiet game (for her) against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School when she finished with one point to finish with four points (one goal and three assists) in this game. Allore finished with two



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks centre Sam Tallman takes the faceoff during a game against the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans at the Dysart Arena on Thursday, Dec. 8. Haliburton won 7-3 to remain undefeated through two games. Tallman finished with four points (one goal and three assists)

points (one goal and one assist) in the game and has six points (two goals and four assists) on the season.

Mayhew (1.50 GAA) has two wins in as

many starts for the Lady Hawks.

Haliburton will host the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins at the Dysart Arena at 2 p.m. on Dec. 13.

Honderich repeats as gold medalist in wrestling tournament

Paul Klose
Special to the Echo

HHSS Wrestling Report - Dec. 7, 2011

On Wednesday Dec. 7, the Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Belleville to compete at the Quinte Secondary School Invitational Wrestling Tournament. More than 250 wrestlers representing 18 schools attended the event. HHSS wrestlers showed that they can wrestle with the best in the region.

Once again, the team was led by the skilled veteran, Zane Zondervan.

Zondervan wrestled a technically flawless tournament to capture the gold medal in the 83 kg division. Cody Cox showed consistency and grit throughout the entire tournament. Cody lost only one match to the eventual champion, resulting in a bronze medal finish at 57.5 kg.

The Haliburton women's team had a fantastic day. Maia O'Sullivan (57.5 kg) worked hard on the mat with a new aggressive style that proved very difficult to defend against. She dominated her division to capture the gold. Teammate Nichole Honderich also rounded her

day with a first-place finish. This is her second consecutive gold medal.

Red Hawks wrestlers continue with practices to prepare for the Third annual Haliburton Highlands Wrestling Tournament hosted by HHSS on Friday, Dec. 16.

Individual Results

Season Greetings

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Highland Storm Peewee AE Silver Stick finalists

The ninth annual Silver Stick weekend of hockey began in Minden on Saturday, Dec. 3, when the Highland Storm Peewee AE team met the Napanee Stars. The Storm turned it up a notch with less than a minute left in the second period when Aidan Garbutt made an awesome shot from the point, Jesse Sisson picked up the rebound and tipped it to Jon Morrison, who buried it into the net for the first well-deserved goal. With less than five minutes remaining in the third period, Jacob Haedicke moved in from the point and found the empty top corner for the second goal, assisted by Aidan Garbutt and Alex Petrie. It was a tremendous effort by all players to hold off the Stars especially Ben Schmidt, who at times single handedly kept the Stars at the blue line. Josh Bellefleur played an outstanding game and earned a much deserved shut-out as the game ended 2-0 for the Highland Storm Peewee AE team.

After that incredible start, the adrenaline grew for the Storm team and they came out flying against the Campbellford Colts. The first goal came three minutes into the first period by Trevor Turner, assisted by Matt Manning. The Storm team started the second period short handed but that didn't slow the energy, within 20 seconds Ben Schmidt found the opening for a short-handed goal, assisted by Alex Petrie. Leading by two at the start of the third period, the

Storm team was once more short-handed, but the game continued in their favour when Alex Petrie's great effort scored the third goal, assisted by Ben Schmidt. The Colts pulled their goalie during the last few minutes of play that resulted in an empty net goal by Trevor Turner. The Storm team's confidence was high playing the Colts as they easily took the game 4-0, another great game and shut-out for Josh Bellefleur.

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team met their match in this tournament against the Ennismore Eagles. The Storm earned the first goal, that was unassisted by Mitch Billings. Seconds later the Eagles turned it up and put one in to tie the game. The Storm played well staying together to maintain the pace and end the game with a 1-1 tie. It was a great job by all the boys, especially Josh Bellefleur who stood consistently strong in net.

The semi-finals began on Sunday, Dec. 4 in Haliburton. The Storm team was once more playing the Napanee Stars. Still scoreless at the end of the first, both teams increased the intensity. It was half way through the second period when the Stars found the opening and got on the scoreboard. Minutes later the Storm got the jump they needed and tied it up, 1-1. The pass came from Matt Manning to the point and Aidan Garbutt's shot beat the goalie. It was a very tight game that kept the crowd at the edge of their seat, and that's where they stayed for the rest of the second period. The Storm team started off the third period in the penalty box, killed that penalty well but took another immediately after. With a 15-minute period and being a third period team, the Storm just needed to stay out of the penalty box. The scoreless third period resulted in both teams being overly aggressive and both paid the price in the box. Still tied at the end of the third period, the game went into overtime. It started off with two-on-two as both teams had

a man in the box. The Storm players worked very hard keeping it in their opponents end, still no score, now 3 on 3. With our stomachs rising into our throats, you could feel the nervous tension growing on the ice. It was down to one-on-one. Mitch Billings stood for the Storm, won the faceoff and took off toward the net, leaving the only man back, he moved in and found the top corner for the 2-1 win. The Storm Peewee AE team moved onto the finals.

The ninth annual Silver Stick finals presented the Highland Storm Peewee AE team against the Ennismore Eagles. It was a fast paced start to the first period with the Storm team getting on the score board with a goal from Mitch Billings, assisted by Matt Manning. The well-matched teams entertained the crowd with some awesome hockey. The Storm team played extremely well, connecting on their passes and onto the net with hard accurate shots. The deep desire to win built the momentum and emotion in each player. The fine line between being aggressive on the puck and on the player was blurred as the Storm team took more penalties than necessary to take control of the game. Still ahead by a goal, the third period started with the Storm team short handed. The thoughts "you can't win a game while killing off a penalty" echoed through the Haliburton arena. The Eagles worked hard to earn their first goal to tie the game. With five minutes left in the third period, the Eagles stepped it up and found the scoring opportunity to take the lead, now 2-1. Although the teams were well-matched the Storm team struggled during the last minutes of the game in hopes of grasping a tie. It was a sad loss, but an incredible effort from the entire team. Great job boys, we are very proud of you. Thanks to the players and to the coaching staff for an awesome and entertaining weekend of great hockey. Congratulations on making it into the finals of the Silver Stick tournament. A big thanks to all the parents that contributed their time and support for a successful weekend and finally a huge thanks to the manager, Dana Manning for coordinating and organizing the weekend and the season.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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Highland Storm Peewee AE takes on Gravenhurst

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The Highland Storm Peewee AE team hosted the Gravenhurst Flames on Wednesday, Dec. 7th in Haliburton. Although it was a midweek game, the Storm team was full of energy, dominating the play from the start. The first goal came minutes into the second period by Ben Schmidt, assisted by Alex Petrie and Ryan Prentice. The Storm picked up the momentum during a power play and scored again. The pass came from Mitch Billings to Matt Manning who found the opening for the second goal. The Storm team was in full control of the game and continued to pick up the pace. The next goal came from the point as Aidan Garbutt's shot was deflected into the net by Trevor Turner. The third period started with a 3-0 lead for the Storm team, however minutes into it, the Flames fought hard and managed to put one in. The fast paced hockey continued. With just less than two minutes remaining in the game, Jon Morrison received a pass, smoothly beat the defense and the goalie for the fourth goal, assisted by Jesse Sisson and Ben Schmidt. The Storm walked away with an easy 4-1 win.

Next weekend, they are on the road to Huntsville and Parry Sound. Good luck boys!

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team is proudly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Atom A comes close at Silver Stick tournament

It was two days of exciting hockey on Saturday and Sunday at the Haliburton arena with hard fought close games but the Highland Storm Atom AE team was edged out by some tough competition. Storm lost their first game against the tournament winner Sterling by a score of 3-0. Each period was close but Storm just didn't have any luck getting the puck in the net. The second game against Centre Hastings was a nail-biter right to the end with Noah Black opening the scoring for the Storm team followed by a goal by Jake O'Neill. The game could have been tied by a shot by Miki Bukta that went off the post and again at the end of the game by a shot by Paul Turner that went in one second after time expired on the clock with the score 3-2 for Centre Hastings. The third game against the Prince Edward County Kings saw Carter Bull put a rocket shot in the net from the point but Storm could not score another and finally lost 2-1. Goalie Jaxson Campbell was in excellent form during all three games, stopping the opposition many times with key saves.

The semi-finals on Sunday both went to overtime. The game between Sterling and Port Hope went to five minutes of three-on-three play, another five of two-on-two play and then five minutes of one-on-one play before Sterling scored for a 2-1 win. 2-1 was also the final score for the Prince Edward County Kings beating Napanee in overtime. Sterling came out on top against Prince Edward County in the final by, again, a score of 2-1.

Special thanks go out to Storm team manager Bobby-Sue Campbell for all of her hard work in putting the tournament together and to her and Christina Black and all the parents who helped at the tournament. Coach Jim O'Neill, Assistant Coach Doug Schell and Trainers Jeff Black and Greg Turner deserve much credit for their work in developing the AE team to produce a very respectable showing at the Silver Stick tournament. The season is not over yet and we can look forward to some great hockey from the Storm AE team.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Atom As defeat Gravenhurst

On Sunday we travelled off to Gravenhurst, beating them 8-2. The boys came out in the first period scoring two quick goals. It was looking like we were going to have to work for the win.

Once the second period got going we were getting our groove on scoring four more goals in this period. With some great passing and lots of skating all of the players were getting comfortable playing in this new arena.

As the third started we came out pretty confident we were going to chalk up another win. We managed to score another two goals in this period. The players that did the scoring in this game were Luke Hunter (4), Owen Gilbert(3), and Nik Dollo (1). The assists go to Lucas Haedicke (1), Zach Morissette (3), Austin French (1), and Benn Macnaull (1).

Great job team, keep up the good work, good luck next weekend and have a great time at the All star Game!

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Highland Storm Tyke represented well in Cannington

With only a few practices and no games under of belt. We stepped onto the ice to face off against the Sunderland Tyke's. With a back and forth game we lost 2-0.

Game 2 proved to be a battle against Mariposa. Battling end to end, scoring a goal only to have them answer back with one of their own. Goals scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Hunter Winder. Second goal Hunter assisted by Nick and Damon Harriss. Third goal was unassisted Ryan Rupnow. Fourth goal Matthew Vargas assisted by Ryan. Fifth goal scored by Hunter and assisted by Damon and Nick. Tied after regulation, required us to finish this in overtime. All eyes were peered to the action packed game. Playing 15 minutes of overtime losing a player per period. Ultimatley it would come down to a goalie's dual. We were down to one on one. Tension was rising ... it was our time to shine. Hunter stepped onto the ice, gained control of the puck and started moving down the ice. He shoots ... he scores. We won. 6-5

So here we were, in the C Finals. The puck is dropped Lindsay would be our opponent. After a great effort we lost 1-0.

Congratulations to Highland Storm Tykes Dylan Keefer, Kyan Hall, Chloe Billings, Gage Hutchinson, Nick Phippen, Hunter Winder, Matthew Vargas, Damon Harriss, Emily Alexander, Ryan Rupnow, Tyler Mills and Ava Smith, coach Josh Shaw and trainer Ron Hall.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

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to Bracebridge Friday, Dec. 9 for the final regular season game. It was a high-spirited game, with the Bears wanting a win after the last two losses. The Storm stood strong and came home with a 4-1 win. Scoring for the Storm started off in the first period with a goal by Matt Wilbee, assists to Jake Bishop and Mark Saville. The next goal was by Jake Bishop unassisted. The second period saw a goal by Josh Boice assisted by Chase Burden and Chris Thompson. The fourth goal in the third to seal the deal was by Max MacNaull, unassisted.

The team's second game of the weekend was in Huntsville on Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. We knew this would be a tough game and would need to work extra hard, especially being short two players. And the Storm boys delivered the hard work, but it was not enough. The first goal in the third period was by Kyle Cooper assisted by Matt Wilbee and then Matt Wilbee assisted by Ethan Keefer and Mark Saville. As hard as the boys tried to tie it up, it was all over when Huntsville scored an empty netter for a win against the Storm of 4-2.

Our next game is Thursday, Dec. 15 in Minden against Huntsville at 6:30 p.m. Come on out and cheer the boys on.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Bantam AE Host Silver Stick Tournament

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Highland Storm hosted the Bantam Silver Stick Tournament this past weekend. The hosts opened their weekend slate of games versus the Lindsay Muskies. They quickly found themselves down 3-0 as Lindsay came out very strong in the first period. The Storm regained their composure in the second period and closed the gap to 2 goals when Kyle Lavergne scored with an assist from Brenden McKee. Lindsay restored their

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Dorset comes through, collects 1.5 tons of food



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This season The Ski Friends of the Frost Centre has entered a new phase - a partnership with the Township of Algonquin Highlands Trails Department. The trails depart-

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This ski season the Algonquin Highlands Trails office across Highway 35 (on the East side) will be selling ALL daily and season passes as well as offering snowshoe and ski rentals - and hot drinks and snacks daily. The season pass application forms are now available on the Algonquin Highlands website at <http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca>. Click "Trails" and then "Snowshoe & Ski Trails". At the bottom under "Documents" click Frost Centre Ski Trails Seasons Pass Application.

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Birthday wishes for the week of Dec. 11 to 17 go out to Cameron Nash, Thomas Keown, Jeaninne Dunn, Barb Jordan, Tony Arkell, Chris Davis and Happy Anniversary to June and Bill Johnson and Diane and Boyd Griffin. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

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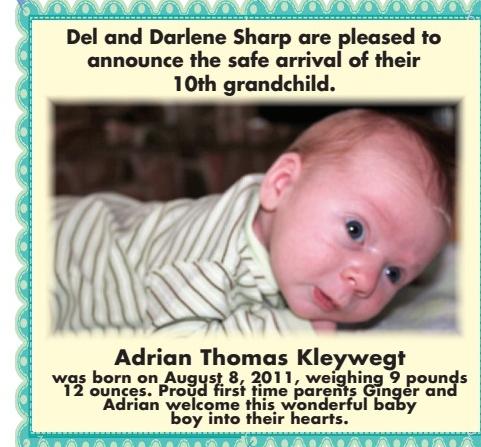
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Study fundraising goes swimmingly



Gina Atkinson

Stanhope Life

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It's that time again to remind everyone of an important endeavour going on. The Haliburton County Swimming Pool Initiative has reached 67 per cent of their \$35,000 goal! It's so close! The \$35,000 is required for a market demand feasibility study, which is the first step to realizing this dream of building a recreational facility and having the YMCA involved. Whether you would use the pool or not there are many that will. Sure, we are surrounded by lakes, but how many months are those available?

There are many reasons for this pool from the elderly with their aqua fit classes to the little ones learning how to swim and there are all the others in-between. There are quite a few kids living in our area that would benefit.

So dig out some change and send your donation (or deliver it personally) cheques payable to: Pool Survey Fund, c/o Bank of Montreal, 194 Highland Street, P.O. Box 509, Haliburton, On. K0M 1S0 to the attention of Laurie Johnson.

With this study they will determine if there is enough community support and whether the community is willing to pay user fees to operate it efficiently. Information will be collected from a selection of residents who represent diverse demographics of Haliburton County. The goal set for this study is September 2012 and with positive results will move on to the next steps which will be to generate a business plan to secure support and funding for building.

There is another way to support this cause! When you're out and about Christmas shopping in Haliburton and Minden pick up their new cookbook entitled "Recipes with a Splash" being sold in various stores. Buy one for yourself and one as a gift - they're only \$12 each.

Check out their website at: www.ourpool.ca.

Congratulations to this month's winners of the Haliburton Community Living Travel Club Lottery!

Stefan Bjelis won the big prize of a trip to the Mayan Riviera or \$1,500 cash and Ed Smolen and Patty Babineau won \$50 each.

Coming Events

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Our next dinner is: **Friday, December 16, 2011**

at the Minden Hills Community Centre

Doors open at 5:00pm. Super served from **5:30 to 6:30pm**

* There will be Christmas Goodies for all families!



For more information, please call 286-0354. Donations to the program are accepted.

Stock up on books at library sale



Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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This morning's news included a segment live from the FEDEX depot on what is expected to be the largest volume day of the season with many businesses offering free shipping and an increasing number of online shoppers. This year's estimates are that 49 per cent of men will use the net compared to 32 per cent of women and from personal experience with delivery here to the old farmhouse, service has been impressive. The only year that I was really ready for the holidays was 1962 when our first baby was due on Christmas Eve. Heavy sweaters were knitted and all parcels wrapped when David decided to arrive in the first hour of Christmas morning. Those were the olden days when unfortunately fathers were excluded from both labour and delivery rooms and also of the Mary Maxim popular sweater patterns. When the nurse remarked about the most excited new father she could remember now waiting outside all I had to ask was is he wearing a giant red and black thunderbird on his chest.

There is lots of holiday news from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount. Bingo chairperson Marcy announces a special Christmas Bingo coming up this Friday, Dec. 16 at 6:45 pm. with great prizes of hams, turkeys, cash and a fabulous \$500 Must Go Jackpot. Snacks will be served during the break. Please note that regular Bingo will be cancelled on Dec. 23 and 30 returning Jan. 6. Dance in the New Year starting at 8 pm. on Saturday, Dec. 31 with a DJ playing a variety of your musical favourites. The cost

is only \$15/person which includes a hot and cold buffet, favours and prizes. Everyone, both members and non members, is welcome to drop by the Branch on Jan. 1 at 2 p.m. for the annual President's Levy hosted by President Mary-Lou Ferguson.

Why not stock up on your holiday reading supply at the Friends of the Library's monthly Book Sale this Saturday Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Kinmount branch. Regular hours at the Branch are Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details on the three new children's programs starting Jan. 10 at the library give a call to librarian Mary Ann Dobsi at 705-488-3199/www.city.kinmountlibrary.on.ca/library. Please note that advance registration is required for planning purposes.

A new volunteer committee has been set up to establish a bursary open to students from the Kinmount area enrolling in post secondary studies in the trades, colleges and university programs. To be known as the Kinmount and District educational bursary the idea was initiated by community supporter Khosrow Eshkour, owner/operator of the Kinmount Pharmacy, and application will be open to those enrolling in full time studies at an accredited institution and who live within a 15 km. radius of the village of Kinmount. The Bursary will be available for the 2012 school year and donations to this worthwhile project warmly welcomed from individuals and organizations. These donations can be directed through the Kinmount Pharmacy at 705-488-1960.

Congratulations to Annabelle, Madison, Hunter and Matt the winners in the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace draw on Santa Day and to all the children who searched for Kiny the Elf hidden on a shelf. Thank you once again to the many community volunteers and to the Legion Branch

441 for helping to bring the spirit of Christmas to the Village.

There is still time to place a new, unwrapped toy or perishable food item under the Lions Club's Angel Trees set up around the village but please make it a priority as the hamper will soon be packed.

Where are all the birds?

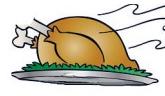
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Sunday, December 18th

Please join us for either or both events if you can!

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Coming Events



Christmas Concert

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Sunday, December 18th 3pm
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Haliburton

Tickets: Adults \$10, Students \$5, Family \$25

Available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton or
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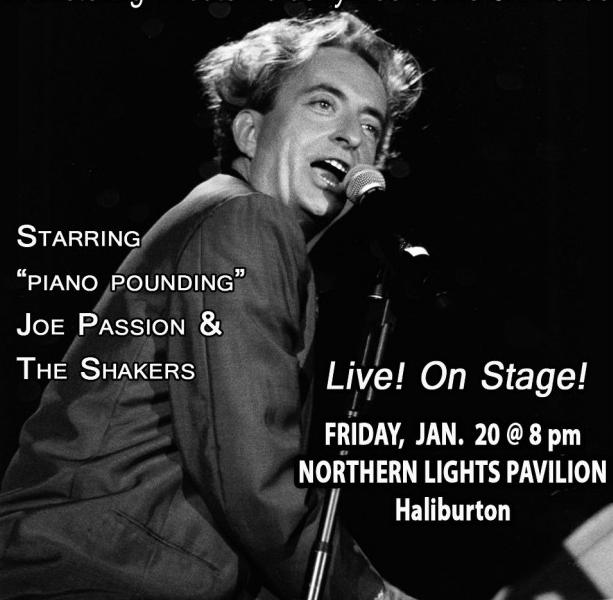
For More Information Call
Andy Salvatori 457-2100 or Kelly Moore 286-3377

Celebrate with music

The Highlands Wind Symphony will be performing *Around The World At Christmas* Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Minden Pharmasave and Master's Books in Haliburton. Call Kelly Moore 705-286-3377 for details.

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RCL Minden Branch 636

December 22

from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

President's Levy



Open house for public to meet the Legion executive and learn Legion activities and community involvement. Tea, coffee, sandwiches & pastry available.

Music by members of *The Kellett Family*

community calendar

What's happening in the County



Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.halibutonecho.ca

Dec 7-Dec 24: Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc. will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Stedmans Haliburton in the front entrance every Wednesday 11am - 5pm, Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5:00pm in December. Come and help us as we help you and others. Judith 705 457-3107

Dec 13 - Minden Legion Branch 636, 'Turkey Dinner' lunch special. Tickets \$16 available at the door. Entertainment by 'Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders' after lunch.

Dec 14: Lochlin United Church Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long" at 7:30p.m. - Lochlin Road off the Gelert Rd. (County Rd. 1). Great music accompaniment with Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends". Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.

Dec 14: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild's annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon is at 12 noon at the Stanhope Community Centre. Bring your own dishes & cutlery, your "pot" and a wrapped gift. For information call Pat Siver at (705) 489-3751.

Dec 15: Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library "Friendly" Christmas Sale. Christmas book baskets, HCPL mugs, new Friends book bags and new remaindered books for Christmas giving in Minden Hills Library (Dec 8 & 15) and Dysart Library, Haliburton (Dec 9 & 10) from 10-4.

Dec 15 Community Care Christmas Lunch Christmas Lunch advance tickets only order by December 8, 2011 Please contact Community Care for location and time, 705-457-2941 hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com

Dec 17: Fleming College Haliburton presents "Threshold: Student Art Show and Sale" 10am-4pm 297 College Drive Haliburton, Free admission, light refreshments. Ceramics, fibre art, paintings, metal sculpture, photography, and much more

Dec. 20: HaliburtonOEYC Christmas with Santa! from 10-1. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it. Santa will visit and stay for milk & cookies too! Phone to sign up at 705-457-2989. Minden Wed. Dec. 21 from 10-1. Santa will join us at circle. Stay for a pot luck lunch. Donations to the food bank also welcomed. To sign up by Dec. 19, phone 705-286-1770.

Dec 22 - Minden Legion Branch 636, President's Levy (open house for public) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments available. Music by members of The Kellett Family.

Dec 31 - Minden Legion Branch 636, New Year's Eve Celebration. Happy hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m. (prime rib or chicken). DJ and karaoke after dinner. Tickets \$25 each (\$30 after Dec. 16). The Legion will be otherwise closed from December 24th to January 1st, open for business as usual on January 2 (and open New Year's Eve).

• **Highland's Hand weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **Lakeside Baptist Church is hosting the 7th Mission of Love dinner** this year for those alone at Christmas. It will be a traditional turkey dinner, no charge - It will be served by volunteers. 4 pm Carols & Eggnog, 5pm sit down dinner. It is for anyone alone in Haliburton County or perhaps someone single or a couple that live away from family, or have no family no matter why come and join others on Christmas day. To sign up for dinner or if anyone would like to volunteer to help serve or donate food for the dinner they can contact. Judith 705 457-3107

• **FOOD 4 FINES** - For the month of December, the Haliburton County Public Library will waive your library fines in exchange for a non-perishable food donation. Donations collected will be given to the Food Bank closest to your library branch. This applies to overdue fines only. Fees for lost or damaged materials are not included. If you do not have any fines, you are still welcome to participate by dropping off your donation at any of the eight branches in Haliburton County.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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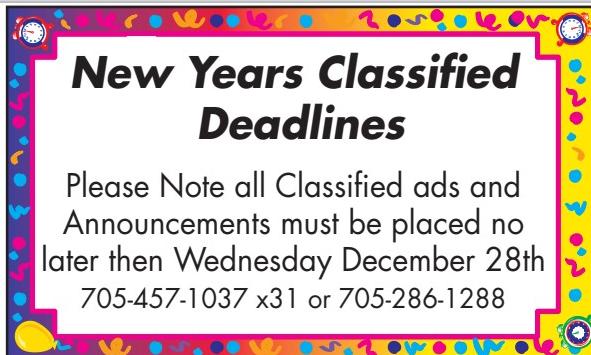
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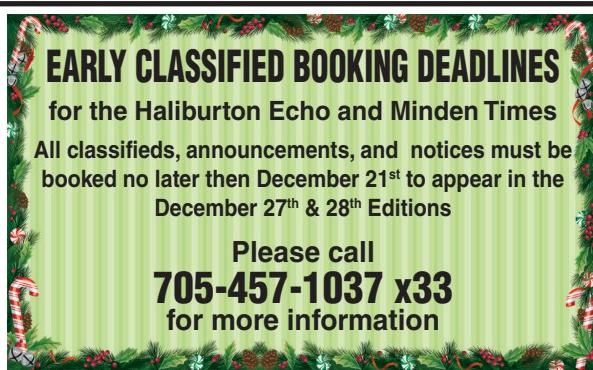


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Auf Wiedersehen Opa

Private Family Gathering

A Private Family Gathering will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Condolences or memories of Tony can be sent to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Highway #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705)457-9209.**

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Deaths

HIE, Carl Laverne - Passed away suddenly at home in Minden on Friday, December 9, 2011. In his 80th year. Beloved husband of Shirley, dear father of Tyna (Clinton Allison), Aaron and Poppa to Brenna and Jorja. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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MADILL, Lloyd Kenneth - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, December 11, 2011, with his family by his side. At the age of 84. Beloved husband of the late Audrise Stamp (2004). Loving brother of Evelyn Swinson, Henry and Mary Madill. Brother-in-law of Ruth Stamp and predeceased by his sisters Elsie McColl, Emma Morrison, and by his brothers Frank, Cecil and Allan. Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews, especially by his many musician friends, and also by Lisa Allison and her family. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm and on Friday, December 16, 2011 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception will be held in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

NEELY, Donna Marie (nee Harris) - Passed away suddenly at home in Minden on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Beloved wife of David. Dear mother of Debby and her husband Randy Lunn, Derrick and his wife Cathy Neely, Doug and his wife Louise Neely. Loving grandma to Brad, Bryan, Kyle, Courtney, David and Thomas. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. Friends are invited to a Service to Celebrate Donna's Life at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636, Minden. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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Twin Lakes, widening, smoothing and drainage have been worked on with great intensity. The Willow Beach Trail at the Resorts Area has had a bypass cleared to avoid a wet hole and two stream crossings and we look forward to having the golf course loops to be the first for skiing action as they require less snow for the initial grooming.

At the Frost Centre, there has been a major change of operations, with ski pass sales on site at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office. See the municipality of Algonquin Highlands's website, look for Trails, then Ski and Snowshoe Trails. Their staff have also been busy with a trail addition

going through the old sawmill as well as many sections of trail widening. Their season pass prices have a discount if purchased before Dec. 15.

A reminder: contact membership@skihaliburton.com or phone Joleen Thomas at 705-489-4850 to purchase your ski club season pass before Dec. 15. The club website for more information about programs, trails and conditions is www.skihaliburton.com.

*Submitted by Peter Brogden
Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club*

Teams are desperate for a win to advance

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goal lead in the third but the Storm refused to give up. Hunter Bishop scored with Lavergne and Angus Sullivan drawing assists and they were within two. Lavergne struck once again with help from Bishop and McKee and the lead was now reduced to one. Unfortunately for the boys they couldn't find another goal and Lindsay scored another to make the final 5-3.

The Brighton Braves were up next and in this game the Storm dominated right from the outset. They won 6-2 and Kyle Lavergne led the way again with another two goal effort. Singles went to Brenden McKee, Damon Winder, Jayden Wood and Ryan Edwards. Wood also picked up two assists for a three point game while Bishop, Sullivan, McKee, Morgan Hamilton, and Lucas Esson also got on the score sheet with helpers.

In the third game of the day the Storm faced the Tweed Hawks with both teams desperate for a win to advance to the semi-finals. The two teams were well matched and

an intense battle ensued. The game was to be decided in a two minute span of the second period when Hunter Bishop scored twice to lead his team to victory. The first goal came from a slap shot to the top corner after some hard work from McKee and Lavergne. Bishop's second was all on his own as he won the face off, slipped past the defender and then fired the puck into the roof of the net. Austin McKay posted a well earned shut out. The semi-final was against the Caledonia Thunder. The game was a nail biter all the way with both teams defending well and both goalies stopping everything sent their way. It wasn't until the final five minutes that Caledonia scored twice to seal the victory. The boys applied a lot of pressure but couldn't put one past the Thunder keeper. Cole Finlay took the loss despite a strong effort. The Caledonia Thunder were the ultimate champions in the Bantam Division.

The team would like to thank Kellee, Lisa, Kendra, Brenda, Dennis, the coaching staff, and all the parents who helped at the raffle table; it was a true team effort to make this tournament a success.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Atom AE Team Defeats Gravenhurst 15-2

It was a Storm attack from start to finish at the Haliburton arena on Sunday as the Highland Storm Atom AE team skated and shot their way to a 15-2 win. Centre Jake O'Neill showed some sharp shooting scoring five goals. Miki Bukta and Nigel Smith each earned three goal hat-tricks. Scoring one each were Denver Allore, James Alexander, Paul Turner and Billy Walker. Many of the goals were from hard shots from distance or sharp angle and one was a nice back-hand shot. Tougher competition comes to Haliburton this Saturday when the Storm Atom AE team faces Huntsville in what should be an exciting game.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

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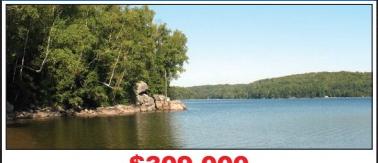


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